Registration of vehicles by Directorate of Transport, Sheikh Sarai, New Delhi

369. MAULANA OBIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of two wheeler scooters presented for registration during December, 1992 and January, 1993 at the Directorate of Transport, Sheikh Sarai, New Delhi;

(b) what is the number of two wheelers out of the above against which Registration Books were sent to the owners;

(c) whether all the registration Books have not been sent to the owners within the stipulated time limit if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Directorate of Transport, Sheikh Sarai, has withheld the registration of any two wheelers during the last six months because of entering wrong engine number in the papers by the M/S Gautam Auto, Ansal Chambers-I, Bhikaji Cama Place, R. K. Puram, New Delhi, if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard against the dealer and by when the registration book of such vehicles will be sent to the owners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The figures are as under :—

December, 1992—707

January, 1993—1095

(b) 1274.

(c) No, Sir. Some of the owners did not submit the envelopes duly stamped and addressed. Two cases are pending for want of certain clarifications.

(d) Yes, Sir. The dealer has subsequently rectified the mistake, and the Directorate of Transport has despatched the RC books to the owners thereafter. Action has been initiated against the dealer as per the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act/Rules.

370. *[Transferred to the 7th May, 1993.]*

Operation of Redline Buses

371. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government exercises any operational control over the running of Redlines buses in Delhi; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. In accordance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules made thereunder, the State Transport Authority, Delhi have laid down conditions in the permits to the effect that the permit holders shall ply the buses as per the approved time-table and on the assigned route, and they will ensure that each trip plied is within the time prescribed for the trip.

The Enforcement Wing of the Transport Department of the National Capital Territory of Delhi supervises the operational activities of these buses. In addition to this the Police Department Personnel are also responsible for enforcing the traffic rules in regard to plying of these buses.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Shipyards

372. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Shipyard and Cochin Shipyard have signed a MOU with South Korean companies in respect of planning, designing and modernisation of Shipyards;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to involve the Indian private companies also in

the modernisation and management of Shipyards; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Cochin Shipyard Limited and Hindustan Shipyard Limited have signed an Agreement and a MOU, respectively, with Samsung Heavy Industries, South Korea. The MOU with Hindustan Shipyard Limited relates to collaboration on Offshore platform construction, Industrial Fabrication and Process Plants. The Agreement with Cochin Shipyard Limited relates to Design consultancy, Production consultancy, Material Package for new vessels to be jointly built and Financing Package.

(c) and (d) Government would be willing to involve Indian Private Companies in the modernisation of the Shipyards provided there is a worthwhile and acceptable offer.

Road accidents in Delhi

373. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during last year deaths due to road accidents were more in Delhi than those in Madras, Bombay and Calcutta put together;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such rising trend of road accidents in Delhi;

(d) whether Government are preparing any master plan to improve the public transport system as a remedial measure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of deaths due to road accidents in Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Bombay during 1992 were as under :—

S. No.	Name of the City	No. of Persons killed in 1992
1.	Delhi	1844
2.	Madras	500(P)*
3.	Bombay	406
4.	Calcutta	460(P)*

*Provisional

(c) Some of the reasons which could be attributed to the rising trend of road accidents in Delhi are :—

(i) Growing population and relatively faster growth of motor vehicles in Delhi in the last decade.

(ii) Greater complexity/Heterogeneity of vehicular traffic in Delhi.

(iii) Inadequate mass transportation system.

(iv) Poor road conditions, inadequate street lighting etc.

(v) Lack of road signs and markings etc.

(vi) Cattle menace.

(vii) Blatant disregard of traffic rules and regulations by motorists.

(viii) Rash and negligent driving, overspeeding, mechanical fault etc.